

*The Humble ADDRESS of the*  
House of Commons *to the KING; With His*  
*Majesty's most Gracious ANSWER thereunto.*

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, do with Unfeigned Zeal to Your Majesty's Person and Government, (which GOD long Preserve,) most Humbly Represent to Your Majesty.

That the Passing the late Act for Disbanding the Army gave great Satisfaction to Your Subjects; and the Readiness Your Majesty has expressed by Your Message, to Comply with the Punctual Execution thereof, will prevent all Occasions of Distrust or Jealousie between Your Majesty and Your People.

It is, Sir, to Your Loyal Commons an Unspeakable Grief, That Your Majesty should be Advised to propose any thing in Your Message, to which they cannot Consent with due Regard to that Constitution Your Majesty came over to Restore, and have so often Expos'd Your Royal Person to Preserve; and did in Your Gracious Declaration Promise, That all those Foreign Forces which came over with You, should be sent back.

In Duty therefore to Your Majesty, and to discharge the Trust reposed in us, we crave Leave to lay before You, That nothing conduceth more to the Happiness and Welfare of this Kingdom, than an Intire Confidence between Your Majesty and Your People: which can no way be so firmly Established, as by Intrusting Your Sacred Person with Your own Subjects, who have so eminently Signaliz'd themselves on all Occasions, during the late Long and Expensive War.

His Majesty's Most Gracious ANSWER.

*Gentlemen,*

**I** Came hither to Restore the Ancient Constitution of this Government; I have had all possible Regard to it since my coming; and I am resolved, through the Course of my Reign, to endeavour to Preserve it entire in all the Parts of it.

I have a full Confidence in the Affections of My People, and I am Well assur'd they have the same in Me, and I will Never give them Just Cause to alter this Opinion.

As to My Subjects who Serv'd during the War, I am an Eye-witness of their Bravery, and of their Zeal for My Person and Government; and I have not been wanting to express My Sense of This to My Parliaments, as well as upon other Occasions.

I have all the Reason to Trust and Rely upon them that a Prince can have, and I am satisfied, there is not One Man among them capable of entertaining a Thought, that what was propos'd in My Message, proceeded from any Distrust of them.

It shall be My Study to the Utmost of My Power to Perform the Part of a Just and Good King, and as I will ever be Strictly and Nicely Careful of Observing My Promises to My Subjects, so I will not doubt of their Tender Regards to Me.

**B**y Virtue of an Order of the House of Commons, I do Appoint Edward Jones, and Timothy Goodwin, to Print this Address; and that no other Person presume to Print the same.

THO. LITTLETON, Speaker.

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## A Brief Account of Captain WILLIAM GOVAN, His last Speech and Prayers, with a Miraculous Instance after his Death, Concerning the Bleeding of his Head.

**I**N the Year 1661, the now Deceased Earl of *Midletoun*, and Chancelour *Cunningham* and others, who then had the Government among their Hands, thinking to Ingratiate themselves in the Kings favours by Bloody Expiations; Several innocent Persons suffered by their cruelty, and particularly one Captain *Govan* then designed of *Kirktonholme* he and Mr. *James Guthrie* a Minister, were Executed at the Cross of *Edinburgh* both in one day. And it is recent in the Hearts & Minds of many Honest Hearted Christians yet Living, how it was the common Talk then, of that Cruel Persecuting party, that there were a necessity for some of every one of thir three Stations and Qualities following to die, *Viz.* of the Nobility, Gentry and Clergy, *Argile* he behoved to die for the Nobility, Captain *Govean* and *Swintoun* of *That Ilk*, if he had not happily made his escape, for the Gentry, and Mr. *James Guthrie* for the Ministry. And it is very well Remembred by many, how that Captain *Govan* when he was upon the Ladder Speaking his last Words to the World, he Prayed Heartily for the King, and for the Church of *Scotland*, and that his Blood might not be on the Nation, nor on the City, and that GOD might preserve his Church and Hedge and Fence in his Vine Yard, from the Crafty Foxes and Destroying Boars of the Forrest, moreover he told the Spectators how that *Midletoun* and he had been fellow Souldiers, and that many a time both of them had equally Hazarded their Lives in the King's service, though now unequally Rewarded, the one with a Throne, being the Kings High Commissioner, and the other with a Rope, and Condemned to die an Ignominious Death. Yet You may tell *Midletoun* said he to the Spectators, that I will not (though it were in my offer) change my Rope for his Throne for I hope in GOD through the Merits of my Redeemer, to be in a better State within a few Minutes.

Nor was it any Fable, that there fell some Drops of Blood from his Head upon Chancelour *Cunningham's* Coach, who was the main Instrument of taking away his Life, which never could be Wip'd out, till they were forced to cut away the Ladder, Blood and all where it fell on, And these drops of Blood, Dropped from his Head or rather the Dry Bones, after the Head had been Boil'd, Oil'd, Dry'd and Patched with the Heat of the Sun, Wind and Weather a long time.

It is also to be Noted, that a great Deal of what he Prophesied hath already perfectly come to pass, as also those last Words and Prophesies of others who suffered for the same Cause, which he did, are now very much Accomplished, and part of them are yet to be Accomplished.

*Reverend Sir please Remember Captain Govan's Daughters*  
*So the Reverend Presbytrie of Edinburgh*